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Our Cover Girl



This issue we have the beautiful Ruby on our cover. She was found wandering as a stray quite local to the Trust, collected by the dog warden and taken to the local dog pound. She is chipped but sadly to nobody, so after her seven days in the pound she came to us. She's a sweetie as well, only very young and really quite well behaved. We

think someone may be really missing her but with a blank microchip and nobody seemingly trying to find her she is now officially a rescue dog in need of a good home.

Travel Sickness

There's little fun taking your dog in the car knowing that it's going to hate it, probably refuse to get in the vehicle and eventually end up being sick.

At Christmas there may be a time when you do have to take that trip and a quick fix can be good old ginger biscuits. No food for at least 2 hours before setting off and a ginger biscuit half an hour before.

For dogs that really do have a phobia try to build up to it slowly and make the motor fun. Start by relaxing with a happy time near the motor, feed at the side of the motor, then inside it with doors etc open. Sit in with your dog for at least 15 minutes and keep your conversation with your dog upbeat (not sympathetic). Sit in your home with your dog on a mat in front of your feet, then sit in the passenger seat with the same mat on the floor and invite your dog to sit with you. Not good for long journeys but a short journey in the passenger well can work, as the vibration and rolling motion are less there.

Keep journeys very short, home and back to a treat. Then home and out for a treat, then back home. By treat is doesn't have to be food, your time, cuddles, talking to a dog are, or should be, special treats to your dog. Experiment with oils that can help to calm and soothe a dog, it is an experiment as they can respond to different things.

Lots of time and patience and while doing it you are building on your relationship and you may find that even though he or she still hates it they will do it just for you.

Adopters and Sponsors Day October 25th 10.30am to 3pm

It's been such a busy year and time seems to have flown by, but we have finally got a date for our Adopters and Sponsors day.

We're looking forward to catching up with you and your adopted dogs, and introducing Sponsors to their chosen Sanctuary Dogs—although close contact will not be possible they are always happy to nod and smile at people.

We will have our 2027 calendars for sale and Christmas cards plus stocking fillers and books and there will be no shortage of tea, coffee and biscuits.

To help us with numbers (we hate to run out of food) it would be great if you can drop an email or text to let us know if you can come.



Fun Photo

Amazing what lengths a dog will go to for a biscuit.

Stars is almost simulating a grizzly bear attack and all for one very tiny biscuit!

Which of course she caught and enjoyed.

Christmas Stocking

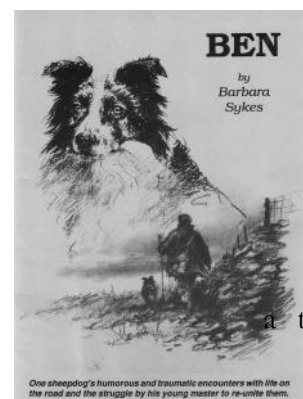
'Ben' is one sheepdog's humorous and traumatic encounters with life on the road and the struggle by his young master to re-unite them. The book is 50 pages long and suitable to be read to children or read by the young heart.

'Ben' was originally published with a small print-run in 1994

and is now reprinted following popular demand for the story of 'Ben' to entertain a new generation.

This latest publication has twelve wonderful illustrations by Bev Ibbotson.

£6.50 incl p&p www.fostbc.org.uk



"A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down."

Robert Benchley

"You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'"

Dave Barry

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Help FOSTBC save more border collies like TJ

TJ came to us at 6 days old, she was to be put down due to a head trauma at birth. Her head was swollen and she struggled to eat and drink. She has grown from a pup that nearly lost her life into a beautiful girl. She does have neurological problems that caused a lot of issues as a puppy so she was adopted by one of the team and has gone through allergies, diet changes, hydrotherapy, swimming and learning how to deal with not having a flight instinct, or rather we had to learn how to manage it. We are almost ready for moving but we need to raise money for the new kennels, thermal quiet kennels isolation, day kennels and play areas. If you can help at all please scan, look at our page and remember every single pound adds to the pot and helps us build and save more collies. Thank you.



Every Life Celebrated



If you have lost a beloved pet recently, sometimes we just need to let the universe know how and why they were so special. From the smallest to the very largest of companions they all have a place in our hearts, and now you can tell their story on this page. Each entry has an Album so you can visit anytime without the need to scroll down. Fb: ***Every Life Celebrated with FOSTBC***

A Gift for Collie Lovers

The dogs in our Sanctuary are sponsored monthly but sometimes people just want to buy a single payment gift for a friend, birthdays etc. You



can give a gift of a Sponsored Kennel for three, six or twelve months, for £15, £25, or £40, and the recipient will receive a certificate with the information of the dog in the kennel.

If you visit our website and see some of our Sanctuary dogs you may like to sponsor a dog for someone special. Sponsorship helps us to keep our rescued dogs happy and healthy and makes a lovely gift for a collie lover.

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Microchip Mayhem

Sadly, we get some dogs come in to rescue that are chipped to nobody. They are usually younger dogs and our cover girl is one of them. It's easy to wonder what is wrong with people not registering their dog's microchip and how could someone be so negligent? I really think that in many cases the owner shouldn't carry all the blame, if any. Most breeders chip their pups, we know this because they come to us as puppy number 1, etc., sometimes they are sold unchipped and the owner takes said puppy to the vet for microchipping. Now here is where it can go wrong, the owner is given the paperwork and assumes that as the pup is chipped and they've bought it then it's chipped to them, and the vet, or breeder, has registered it for them. But in far too many cases they have paperwork that carries the chip information but still needs registering to them. If at some time that pup gets lost there is no way it can be traced through its chip, it gets picked up by the dog warden and goes to the pound, from there it has 7 days for the owner to trace it but how? They can apply to local dog pounds but in the case of a dog missing for several days it can have travelled many miles before being caught. Yes, they should have checked the paperwork but how many people do check all paperwork, they buy and take home in good faith. I'm not defending or blaming but it's worth regularly checking that your dog's chip is still there and active, and if you have just got a new pup check its registered to you.

"My fashion philosophy is if you're not covered in dog hair, your life is empty."

Elayne Boosler

"The bond with a true dog is as lasting as the ties of this earth will ever be."

Konrad Lorenz

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Jock

This young man is a really special boy, he's 18 months old and is blind. He is an absolute joy and is a typical teenage collie lad. Good with other dogs, loves people & cuddles, never feels sorry for himself and just loves life. We have a vet report that came with him

and he will be seeing our own vet when he is neutered but for now he's settling in and is very quick to learn. Jock needs a very special and dedicated person to be patient and willing to learn with him, someone just happy to have such a lovely lad as a best buddy to go on quiet walks/drives with and have sofa cuddles.



Jock

Let Us Know Your Favourites

Our next issue will be the Dec/Jan/Feb issue and we would love it if you would let us know how you think we are doing with our Newsletter. Please us know of anything you would like us to cover and any articles you might look forward to. Please email your thoughts to info@fostbc.org.uk +Thank you.

Priceless!

I'm horrified to say the least to read on fb an article published in an on line publication that a dog trainer has described the Border Collie as being autistic!

For goodness sake, we're now going to be getting requests for rescue space because their dog is autistic!

Her reason for declaring autistic tendencies in the breed are explained by collies going round in endless mindless circles round balls and other dogs so they also have OCD.

They are bred to do a job and to complete that job, the 'mindless' circles are doing a job that doesn't produce a completion of task. This trainer is a self declared collie expert I wonder how on earth she explains the amber eye, maybe she thinks it's just a dog that needs glasses!

I find her comments an insult to the breed that I love and is not very understanding towards people who have autism.

Finally I live with TJ, now 3 years old and who has a neurological problem due to head trauma at birth. I refuse to label her, she is not a label, a label is not used as an excuse for her behaviour when it is a little strange.

No Border Collie should have a label on it, it doesn't need an excuse it needs understanding and I feel that her comments belittle everyone out there who loves and understands their collie.



National and International Sheep Dog Trials

What a hectic month! We were away for 12 days for the English and Welsh National trials, traveling to Macclesfield, Brecon and back home. Followed by Stowe-on-the-Wold for the International trials then back home with an overnight break to restock food and fuel before up to Lauder for the World Trials. The National and International trials never fail to amaze and inspire but the World Trials were amazing. Thirty four countries competing and what an opening procession, with the competitors following the pipe band and all carrying their national flags and all with their dogs.

What a joy to see so many happy collies, and when the teams were in front of the grandstand looking forwards every single collie was facing the other way – watching the sheep! Not a bark or an attempt to get to the sheep, just silently waiting.

It was a credit to the organisers and the ISDS how smoothly it ran with lots of stalls and varieties of food vans. We had lots of visitors to our stand and some very generous donations with some of goods about to wing their way around the world. And what about the winners, David Howells won the title World Champion and his son Jack the title of Young Handler. The teams were 1st Germany, 2nd France, 3rd Scotland.

But to me this wasn't about who won and who didn't, it's about seeing all those dogs line up on the first day and somewhere in all there lineage is Auld Hemp. My goodness if Adam Telfer and Hemp could see that line up how proud they would be, I know I am.

A huge thank you to our volunteers, Bev, Vicky, Megan and Paul, who are amazing and help the team to have a break, and well done to Luke who attended all the trials and erected and took down the gazebo while I dutifully watched and to Jen who braved two nights in a small tent to be at the World Trials. Until next year and we do it all again guys!



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Wet Weather Walking

It's not mandatory to walk a dog in all weathers just because it's a Border Collie. When they are working they are used to all kinds of weather and it doesn't bother them a bit but when they have lived in a home some of them do take to taking life a little less hectic.

If you love going out in the rain and snow and your dog loves it as well then go for it. But if you aren't too keen on squelching about in mud or looking like a snowman believe me your collie will cope with just popping out and having a wee and then snuggling back in a nice warm dog bed.

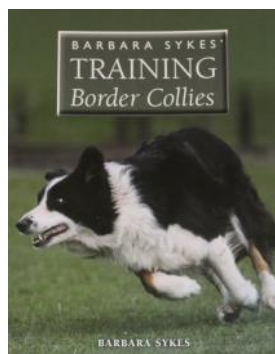
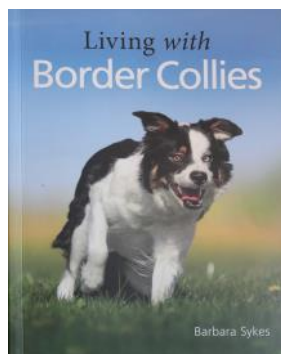
If you have dog that 'needs' to go out no matter what the weather and you'd rather not, compromise. Go out for a shorter walk and come back only half wet and cold. He or she will survive it!

On the other hand if you love facing the elements and your dog doesn't then go back to compromise, stay in and cuddle your dog and have a nice bracing walk on your own and let your pal stay snug at home.

Christmas Gifts

Gifts for collie lovers or 'treat yourself' you can find lots of ideas in the shop on our site, lanyards, Bev's prints, cards, books, name tags, poems. Please visit and have a wander round

<https://www.fostbc.org.uk/products/>



Fun Facts

All dogs have a 'nose pattern' and given their uniqueness, countries such as Finland use nose prints to identify dogs instead of microchips!



It has been claimed that dogs may remember up to 250 different places and people, and that they can even remember events from years ago.

Tallest Dog in History: Zeus, a Great Dane from Michigan, who stood 3 feet 8 inches tall on all fours and over 7 feet tall when standing on his hind legs.

Calendars and Christmas cards



Our 2027 Calendar & Christmas cards are now available on line on our website

www.fostbc.org.uk

Lots of lovely photos and little TJ is our cover girl.

With a huge thank you to our amazing sponsors are calendar remains at £7.99, packs of cards from £5 all inclusive of p&p.

Our Christmas cards this year are a tribute to our amazing Ambassador dogs, past and present who have done so much for the breed and our rescue.



Our Inbetweeners

You may remember our inbetweeners. Dogs that have been with us for a long time and can be homed but need a lot of time and patience. They now have homes and at the trials Bob and Roy came to visit. They have come on in leaps and bounds thanks to their lovely patient adopters.

If you are looking for a special dog and have lots of time and patience we always have at least two inbetweeners looking for a special home.



Cold Paws

We're coming round to the time of year when dogs get ice inbetween their pads. Trim the fur and apply a wee bit of Vaseline. You can buy special creams at a price but Vaseline does just as good a job.